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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:91
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Unnatural Death of Scientists and Engineers
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware of a number of alleged unnatural deaths of scientists and engineers reported in the atomic power stations and other research centers in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the reasons attributed for the same;

(c)whether the Government has conducted investigations into such incidents;

(d)if so, the details along with the findings thereof; and

(e)the details of steps taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b)There are no cases of alleged unnatural deaths of scientists and engineers
attributable to radiation in the atomic power stations and other research centers in the country. Two scientists were killed in road accidents in 2014 and one scientist committed suicide in 2015. The details are furnished in the attached Annexure.

(c)&(d)All cases were taken up by local police for investigation.

(e)Safety measures to prevent road accidents are in place and the same are being reviewed periodically. The road safety instructions issued by various agencies are strictly implemented in DAE installations and residential townships. Awareness programmes regarding road safety are being conducted. In addition, personal motivation to employees at all levels to ease out the workplace stress, if any, is done. Profession resentment is addressed through grievance redressal mechanism and personal counseling.

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Annexure to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.91 due for answer on 8.2.2017
by Shri Dushyant Chautala and Shri Nana Patole regarding "Unnatural Deaths of Scientists and Engineers"

DETAILS OF UNNATURAL DEATHS OF THE SCIENTISTS/ENGINEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 01.01.2014 TO 31.12.2016.

Sl No Date Designation Type of unnatural death Name of investigating agency Causes of unnatural death
1 24.07.2014 Scientific Officer/G Road accident at Anushaktinagar Trombay Police Station, Mumbai. Death due to road accident.
2 26.10.2014 Scientific Officer/E Road accident at Indore.Rajendra Nagar Police Station, Indore Death due to road accident.
3. 24.07.2015 Scientific Officer/C Committed suicide at residence. Rawatbhata Police Station, Rajasthan Death due to suicide

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